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Geoffrey Bloom Vice-President Tel-West Companies 2940 St. Joseph Street P.O. Box 1319 Logandale, NV 89021

RE: Staffs Letter of Insufficiency and First Set of Data Requests to Tel-West Companies, d/b/a Hassle Free Phone, Docket No. T-20434A-05-0900

Dear Mr. Bloom:

On March 28, 2006, Tel-West Companies, d/b/a Hassle Free Phone ("Tel-West"), filed an application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity ("CC&N") to provide telecommunication services in the State of Arizona. The application is not yet sufficient. This data request lists the information Staff needs to complete its analysis of your application. Please consider this as Staff's first set of data requests to Tel-West in the above-referenced matter.

For purpose of this data request set, the words "Tel-West", the "Company", "you", and "your" refer to Tel-West Companies, d/b/a Hassle Free Phone and any representative, including every person and/or entity acting with, under the control of, or on behalf of Tel-West Companies, d/b/a Hassle Free Phone. For each answer, please identify by name, title, and address each person providing information that forms the basis for the response provided.

These data requests are continuing, and your answers or any documents supplied in response to these data requests should be supplemented with any additional information or documents that come to your attention after you have provided your initial responses.

Please provide Docket Control with the information being requested within 60 days of the date of this letter. Please mail an original plus 13 copies to: Docket Control, Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 W. Washington Street, Phoenix, AZ 85007-2927. If no response is received or all deficiencies are not remedied within 60 days, Staff will recommend that the application by terminated pursuant to Rule R14-2-1103(B)3 and R14-2-510(E)3. If the

application is terminated, the Applicant cannot provide the same telecommunication services in Arizona for which it is currently applying, until such time as a new application is filed with and approved by the Commission.

Remember that information submitted for a CC&N will be made a part of the public record (including financial statements). Any information designated as confidential will not be accepted by Docket Control. If you have any questions, please contact me at (602) 364-0235. Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

Respectfully,

Julian Pereira

Public Utilities Analyst

**Utilities Division** 

Enclosure(s)

cc: Docket Control Center (Original and Thirteen Copies)

## STAFF'S FIRST SET OF DATA REQUESTS FOR TEL-WEST COMPANIES, D/B/A HASSLE FREE PHONE DOCKET NO. T-20451A-06-0189

Please make certain that each numbered item and each part of the item is answered completely. In order for Staff to continue with its review of this application, the following information must be submitted:

- 1. The Company states in its Application that it will not collect advances or deposits from its customers. Please confirm that Applicant is aware that pursuant to A.A.C. R14-2-503(B), the amount of a deposit required by the utility shall not exceed 2 times that residential customer's estimated average monthly bill or the average monthly bill for the customer class for that customer which ever is greater. Nonresidential customer deposits shall not exceed 2 ½ times that customer's estimated maximum monthly bill. The term "deposit" refers to all deposits, advance payments, and prepayments. The combined amount charged for deposits, advance payments, and prepayments, must be in compliance with the amount allowed by this rule.
- 2. Applicant is required to publish legal notice of the application in all counties where services will be provided. Please provide an Affidavit of Publication when notice is completed.
- 3. Upon review of Applicant's tariff, maximum rates that the Company may charge its customers are not indicated. Please provide these maximum rates for each service intended to be provided and include an explanation of how these rates were determined.
- 4. Please indicate why Applicant believes that its proposed rates is just and reasonable using a <u>competitive market analysis</u>. Your analysis may contain publicly available examples of rates charged by the incumbent or other carriers for similar services or any other information that you believe demonstrates that your proposed rates are just and reasonable. Please include any supporting materials.
- 5. Please indicate why Applicant believes that its rates is just and reasonable using a <u>fair value or cost basis</u>. Please include economic justification or cost support data. Please include any supporting materials.
- 6. Applicant indicates in its Application the states in which it is <u>authorized</u> to offer services. Please elaborate on what services (facilities-based or resold and interexchange or local) you currently offer or are approved to offer in each state. Please specify the rates that the Company charges for these or similar services in the other jurisdictions. If there is a difference between the rates that the Company charges in other jurisdictions for similar services, please identify and indicate the amount of the difference and provide an explanation for the difference in rates in Arizona.
- 7. List the states in which the Company has <u>applied for authority</u> to provide telecommunications services, and identify the proposed services applied for in each state. Please specify the rates that the Company proposes to

charge for these similar services in the other jurisdictions. If there is a difference between the rates that the Company proposes to charge in other jurisdictions for similar services, please identify and indicate the amount of the difference and provide an explanation for the difference in rates in Arizona.

- 8. List the number and types of interconnection agreements you have entered into, along with the companies with which you have agreements.
- 9. List and give a detailed explanation of complaints you have received (if any) regarding telecommunications services offered in other states. State what actions were taken to remedy these complaints and to prevent them from occurring again.
- 10. In Item A-14 of the Application, the Company indicates that it will post a performance bond. Please provide proof of the bond by docketing evidence within 90 days of the effective date of an order in this matter or 30 days prior to the provision of service, whichever comes first.